

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. - 13. (Canceled).

14. (Currently Amended) An endoscopic imaging system, comprising:
a signal processor for processing a video signal sent from an imaging device;
a plurality of adjusting elements for adjusting various properties of a video signal sent from said signal processor;

an electrical connector for enabling detachable connection at an external storage unit
~~detachably attachable in to~~ said endoscopic imaging system for storing adjustment values to be set by said adjusting elements; and

a controller for modifying settings of said adjusting elements according to said adjustment values stored in said external storage unit.

15. (Previously Presented) An endoscopic imaging system according to claim 14, wherein said adjusting elements include at least one of a white balance adjusting element, a light adjusting element, a tone adjusting element, and a contour enhancing element.

16. (Previously Presented) An endoscopic imaging system according to claim 14, wherein said adjustment values include a changeable value.

17. (Previously Presented) An endoscopic imaging system according to claim 14, wherein said adjustment values are stored as a plurality of types of adjustment values on separate external storage units.

18. (Previously Presented) An endoscopic imaging system according to claim 14, wherein said adjustment values are specified as a set of adjustment values for each of a plurality

of fields in which said endoscopic imaging system is used, and wherein each set of adjustment values are stored on separate external storage units.

19. (Previously Presented) An endoscopic imaging system according to claim 16, wherein said adjustment values are specified as a set of adjustment values for each of a plurality of operators handling said endoscopic imaging system, and wherein each set of adjustment values are stored on separate external storage units.

20. (Previously Presented) An endoscopic imaging system according to claim 18, further comprising an alarm circuit for giving an alarm when an external storage unit other than an external storage unit, on which adjustment values associated with an intended field or operator are stored is connected to said signal processing apparatus.

21. - 30. (Canceled)

31. (Previously Presented) An endoscopic imaging system according to claim 19, further comprising an alarm circuit for giving an alarm when an external storage unit other than an external storage unit on which adjustment values associated with an intended field or operator are stored is connected to said signal processing apparatus.

32. (Currently Amended) An endoscopic imaging system comprising:
an imaging means for projecting an object image; and
a signal processing means for processing an image signal outputted from said imaging
signal means, wherein said signal processing means comprises:
a signal processing circuit for processing said image signal outputted from said imaging
means to produce a video signal;
a plurality of adjusting circuits for adjusting the properties of the video signal based on an
adjustment value;
a portable recording medium slot to which a portable recording medium for storing
adjustment value is detachably connectable; and

a control circuit for controlling operations of said adjusting circuits according to the adjustment value stored in a portable recording medium connected to said portable recording medium slot.

33. (Previously Presented) An endoscopic imaging system according to claim 32, wherein said adjustment values include a changeable value.